

Canadian Cancer Society gives green light to prudent use of glyphosate

The Canadian Cancer Society isn't calling for a ban on glyphosate. The Society says it's acceptable to use pesticides to produce food, if the products are used judiciously.

Last month the International Agency for Research on Cancer, a division of WHO, issued a statement on the safety of five pesticides, including glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup and the most widely used herbicide in the world.

After reviewing the published literature, IARC experts said glyphosate should be classified as a Group 2A substance: probably carcinogenic to humans.

A number of environmental groups, including the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE), said the IARC finding proves that glyphosate should be banned for agricultural and residential use.

The Cancer Society has a more nuanced position.

Gillian Bromfield, director of cancer control policy with the Society, said the organization opposes the use of pesticides for lawns and public green spaces. However, if the benefits outweigh the risks, agricultural pesticides are acceptable.

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